

# AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA BIENNIAL REVIEW SUMMARY FROM THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Management Area: Curry County

Meeting Date(s): November 13, 2012

LAC Members Present: Lee Riddle, Linda Smith, Jim Kamph, Mary Wahl, Tooz Wahl, Joe Pestana

## **Implementation Summary:**

#### Outreach and Education:

## **Curry SWCD**

- 3 newsletters, distributed to 430 individuals/4 newspaper articles, 2,200 recipients/2 workshops, 42 attendees
- 8 presentations, 205 attendees/3 tour, 15 attendees
- Student Events/Classes: Streamtrailer: 12 schools, 1465 pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> graders, 2,487 people of all ages/ Foodsheds program: linking kids with food sources and watersheds: 100 kids

#### Technical assistance & Planning:

# Curry SWCD with ODA TA/LMA funds:

- Landowner Contacts & Technical Assistance: 724
- Site visits: 104

# Projects implemented to improve water quality on ag lands:

#### Curry SWCD & South Coast/Lower Rogue Watershed Councils

- Off-stream Watering Systems: 9
- Riparian livestock exclusion fence: 3.5 miles
- Riparian tree/shrub planting: 66.4 acres
- Riparian tree/shrub maintenance: 6,980 trees
- Sediment abatement road construction: 2.7 miles
- Cranberry farm projects: 9

#### CREP (FSA program, Curry SWCD employee)

- Fence: 34,405 ft. (6.52 miles)
- Access Control: 188.6 acres
- Riparian forest buffer: 202.9 acres

# **NRCS**

- Fence: 45,468 ft.
- Irrigation System: 217 acres
- Riparian forest buffer: 231 acres

#### Funding and Grants:

## **Curry SWCD:**

• ODA/OWEB support to LAC: \$98,000 to the District to accomplish the annual Scope of Work, plus \$18,000 in administrative funding

**Progress Measurement:** The North/South Langlois Creek sub-watershed (New River Watershed) is the first Focus Area in the Curry Ag Water Quality Management Area. Outreach, Education, Technical Assistance, and Fund/Cost-share seeking resources are being focused in this geographic area with the intent of showing the progress that agriculture can make in implementing the Area Plans when provided with available resources. Land use in the sub-watershed is composed of livestock grazing, rural residential use, the town of Langlois, and cranberry production. Water quality concerns include high bacteria and phosphorous levels. This watershed is important for Coho spawning and rearing as well as other aquatic organisms, migratory birds, and is adjacent to the BLM New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This Focus Area is one of the 9 pilot projects across the state. A 2-year post-assessment will take place in June 2013 to record progress.

### **Summary of Impediments:**

- General lack of awareness of the Curry Area Plan and Rules, in the agricultural community and the public. Lack of awareness that the Rules are mandatory, not voluntary.
- Limited funding and capacity for implementation.

**Recommendations for Modifications:** Need for more outreach with a clear message letting agricultural landowners know about the Plan and Rules and that the Rules are mandatory and enforceable.

**Enforcement:** Letter of Compliance - 0 Water Quality Advisory - 0 Letter of Warning - 0 Notice of Noncompliance - 0 Civil Penalty - 0 Alternative Measures - 0

Total Complaints: 0

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